

University to see new curriculum

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Assistant News Editor

The Board of Regents approved changes to the curriculums of the Bachelor of Science programs in mass communications and chemistry in December which will go into effect next fall.

Chairman and Assistant Professor Doug Sudhoff said this program not only prepares students for their first job, but for a career and to be a leader.

"The new curriculum will provide students with a stronger skill set and more opportunities for critical approaches to learning than what is currently offered," Sudhoff said.

The new major in mass media affects Bachelor of Science degrees in broadcasting, journalism and applied advertising, replacing the current program with a 55 credit hour comprehensive degree. Emphases in multimedia journalism, sports media, broadcast and production and applied advertising are included in the curriculum.

The current Bachelor of Arts degrees in broadcasting, journalism and applied advertising will also be replaced with a new degree in media studies.

"We are proud of the fact that, as a freshman, you can start gaining experience. It is what makes Northwest unique. At most other universities, you have to wait until your junior year to be admitted into the journalism school," Provost Doug Dunham said.

"Here, you experience hands-on, applied learning almost immediately. It is the link between theoretical learning and applied learning that creates success. It is critical to the learning process."

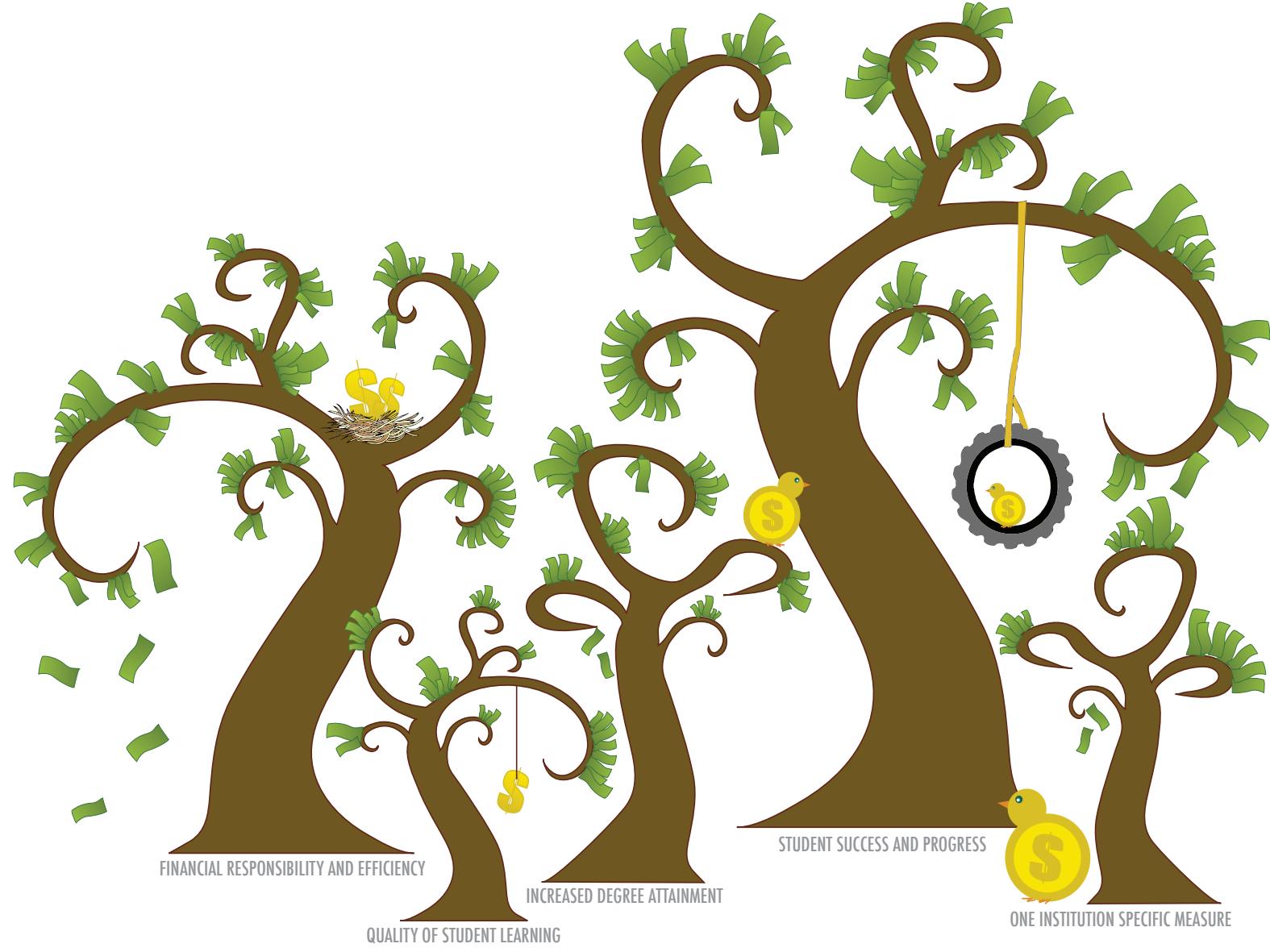
Students who are currently enrolled in one of the current B.S. or B.A. degrees in broadcasting, journalism or applied advertising are not affected by the new curriculum and are still able to finish their degree as planned. Current mass communications students will have the option of staying in their current catalog or switching to either the new mass media or media studies program.

New courses including social media strategies, sports reporting and digital cinematography will be added to the new mass media curriculum.

The Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry was also revised by the board to include emphases in medicinal chemistry and biochemistry. In support of the medicinal chemistry emphasis, two new web-based courses will be offered for students through a distance-learning program at the University of Florida or another quality university that has received accreditation.

According to Dunham, the new chemistry emphases stems from a growing demand in the biochemistry minor since its inception in 2002. The new emphases are expected to give students the opportunity to explore careers in the biotechnology industry, academic laboratories and government agencies or seek further knowledge through graduate school programs.

Other curriculum changes approved by the board include the addition of courses in mobile computing, art history and an interdisciplinary minor in intercultural enrichment for Spanish majors. An education course focused on teaching students with autism-related disorders will also be added.



Performance will dictate funding

University has to meet criteria for more money

ALEX RASH

News Editor

"I always knew that I would graduate from Northwest," senior Alexandra Burge said. "I never saw myself not, after making my choice to attend here."

Burge will become part of a statistic that could determine extra funding for Northwest in the future. Degree attainment is just one of the five performance criteria Missouri schools will be measured on.

In August, Governor Jay Nixon requested the help of education heads from across Missouri, including Northwest's president, John Jasinski, to collaborate on a performance funding model for higher education.

"The core principle behind performance funding is simple," Jasinski said. "Do what you say you are going to do, do it well, and you will

receive funding."

A performance funding model focuses on the constant improvement of the quality of education universities are providing. Members of the Performance Funding Task Force hope that holding higher education to these new stipulations will persuade colleges to strive for higher goals in order to receive much-needed state appropriations.

"We hope that this plan will help provide institutions with additional resources that will then translate to a better educational experience for students," Paul Wagner, deputy commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education, said.

In early December, performance funding took an important step forward when the Coordinating Board for Higher Education voted unanimously to accept the proposal submitted by the Performance Funding Task Force.

Now the future of the proposal weighs heavily on the upcoming State of the State address, which Nixon is set to give Jan. 17. Missouri

is projected to be \$500 million short in revenue. During the address, Nixon will make his budget proposal public.

"I think this is a trend that is going on across the country," Wagner said. "The time is right to put some new policies in motion."

The next step will take place in September when the CBHE submits a budget request, including the performance funding proposal, for fiscal year 2014.

"The current funding model is simply unsustainable," Nixon said at the 2011 Governor's Summit on Higher Education. "It only works now because it is being kept afloat on a sea of debt."

If accepted, the model will hold public universities to five different quantifiable goals: student success and progress, increased degree attainment, quality of student learning, financial responsibility and efficiency and one goal unique to each

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Maryville fills city manager position

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Features Editor

A new city manager was selected by the city of Maryville Tuesday. The position was left vacant after former City Manager Matt LeCerf resigned Dec. 26.

Greg McDanel, 31, was chosen as Maryville's new city manager. McDanel has served as the city administrator for Cherryvale, Kans. since Nov. 2009. He spent five years working for Independence, Mo. as their land acquisition manager and engineering technician.

McDanel was a student at Northwest Missouri State University from 1999 through 2002, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in geography and later received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Missouri.

He is expected to begin working as Maryville's city manager in the first week of March. Keith Wood will remain acting city manager until McDanel takes over.

Mayor Ron Moss feels confident the city council's selection will serve the people of Maryville well as their new city manager.

"His interview indicated that he had spent time looking at the community," Moss said. "It was clear he had done his homework, so to speak, and knew about us and the things we were experiencing."

McDanel has thought of some ideas for improvement to the Maryville community.

"Moving into the future, Mozingo could prove a huge asset in bringing people to the community and contributing to its high quality of life," McDanel said.

As a Northwest alumnus, Mc-

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Greg McDanel

Danel is familiar with Maryville and the nature of the community.

"I have a young daughter and a family, and one of the things I liked about Maryville the most is it is just a wonderful community with a good quality of life to raise a family, and I'm looking forward to being back," McDanel said.



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Incoming City Manager Greg McDanel with his daughter. McDanel takes over the position in early March.

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John McLoughlin from Kirkland Productions and Campus Novelties takes students photos to make photo calenders. Student Activities Council puts on a free event once a month in the Student Union from 11-2.

Senator opposes new regent

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Governor Jay Nixon's appointment for a new member on the Board of Regents was denied Wednesday by Senator Brad Lager, who said he will continue to block appointments until the governor's office meets set requirements.

Robert Dowis, Jefferson C-123 superintendent, was appointed to replace current Board of Regents member Gary Panethiere, whose term expired a year ago. Lager, however, opposed the appointment and refused to sign off on it.

"I'm tired of playing games with the governor's office," Lager said. "They're going to understand there is a process they are going to have to follow. They can continue to send me these requests, and I will continue to block them."

The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents serves as the University's governing body, holding the Northwest vision in highest regard.

The board is appointed by the governor and approved by the senator. It is required that the board be balanced and fair – half

being Republican and half Democrat. It is also required that six of the eight regents live within the University's 14-county service district with at least one living in Nodaway County.

Lager emphasized that his opposition of Dowis does not come from a belief that he is incapable of fulfilling responsibilities that come with the job. Lager, as well as President John Jasinski, believes Dowis is more than qualified.

"Having board members with the right skills, competencies concerning higher education and allegiance to Northwest is important for any institution," Jasinski said. "In terms of Robert Dowis, he fits the bill."

Lager's opposition of this appointment comes from the belief that there needs to be a geographical balance within the board.

"We are required to have six members in district and two out of district, period," Jasinski said. "Even with Rob Dowis, we would have six in district, and that's within the statute."

Board of Regents chair Lydia Hurst fully backs Lager's decision

not to sign off on the appointment.

"It did not come as any surprise to me," Hurst said. "I have a great trust and respect for Senator Lager and his decisions. I also appreciate the time and thought he puts into Northwest."

According to Lager, historically, only one or two of the seats on the board have been occupied by members from Maryville or Nodaway County. Dowis would have been the fourth member on the board from Nodaway County.

"It's important to have different levels of integration within Northwest and Maryville to get different perspectives on how to best serve Northwest," Lager said.

"The regents are put on the board with great responsibility. No institution, including Northwest, should be just a rubber stamp."

"We've seen what happens when we don't have a board that can function appropriately, and I won't let that happen again. I have a responsibility to the people who elected me to make sure that doesn't happen again, and I take that seriously."

Education majors to see new program

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Students in the College of Education are getting the chance to participate in a new program allowing them to hold onto their course instruction, field experience and portfolio.

The program, called Tk20, is an online data management program mandatory for students starting Jan. 20. The program, chosen by members of the faculty, will go beyond the online program Northwest has in place.

"The benefits are that it will help them stand out as job candidates and help them collect, organize and store with faithfulness the artifacts they will need for certification purposes," Mike McBride, coordinator of Professional Education Assessment and Strategic Research, said.

"It will allow students a chance to show faculty members, advisers and prospective employers how

they've developed as an educator."

The program goes beyond eCompanion, in that they can now use the program longer and add more to it, essentially creating an online portfolio that can be used for future job interviews.

"Our students are filmed while teaching for classes, and this is a great opportunity for us to upload videos of the students teaching on their Tk20 and show it to potential employers," Barbara Crossland, the education department chair, said.

Students were notified in October that there would be a change in the department, and that the requirements would come at a cost. Crossland said, that while the cost might be hard for students, the benefits of the program would pay off.

Students can purchase Tk20 online for \$103 or at the bookstore for \$133; students buying the program through the bookstore can use financial aid or their Bearcat Card to make that purchase.

"The only negative thing about the program is that we know money is tight for students. Despite that, we felt like this was the most economical option," Crossland said. "A lot of universities use this program, and it has a very strong reputation."

The new program was one of many looked at by the college, and was eventually chosen after extensive research about the program.

"It's comparably priced to every other program we've seen like it, and we've been searching for something like this for quite awhile," McBride said.

Students and faculty are still adjusting to the idea of a new program, but look forward to the changes it can have on not only the education department, but the rest of the university.

"I think it is a great program for all students. I think it would be great if we could pilot this and maybe eventually use it for the rest of the university," Crossland said.

January (Weekly) Meetings

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President John Jasinski talks to a student in his office in the Administration Building. Dr. Jasinski signed a three year contract to remain being president of Northwest.

President Jasinski receives new contract from regents

ALEX RASH

News Editor

Dr. John Jasinski agrees to three more years as a Northwest Bearcat.

The Northwest Board of Regents unanimously decided on a three-year extension to Jasinski's contract Dec. 31.

"(Extending the contract) was really an easy decision," Jasinski said. "When you're talking about the Northwest culture, the Northwest family, it's an easy deal. You

have to love what you do, and it's pretty obvious that (my family and I) love Northwest. We believe in public higher education. We believe in Bearcat country."

Jasinski began his time at Northwest in 1986, where he served as a faculty member and later moved to the positions of department chair and associate provost. He returned in 2009 to begin his term as Northwest's 10th president.

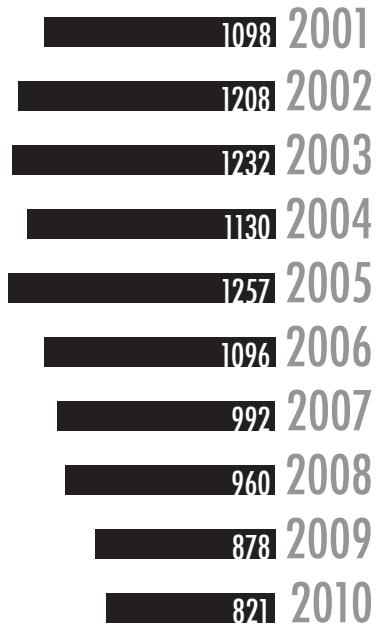
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Weekend Events	Friday, January 13
Last date for 100% refund on dropped trimester courses	Last date to establish credit Sigma Society Rush Week
Saturday, January 14	
Missouri Academy Preview Day	8 a.m. at Colden Hall
Sigma Society Rush Week	Women's Basketball 1:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Tower Choir Retreat	Men's Basketball 3:30 at Lamkin Activity Center
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Sunday, January 15	
First Installment Due	Sigma Society Rush Week
Last date to add or enroll	Catholic Mass
Late registration ends	7 p.m. at Newman Center

Total traffic fatalities in the last decade



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Traffic deaths continue declining in Missouri

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

The state of Missouri has taken several steps in recent years to decrease the number of traffic-related deaths.

Troop I Public Information Officer Sgt. Dan Crain said 776 people died in 2011 as of Jan. 7, which is the lowest amount since 1949.

The number of deaths from last year could continue to climb slightly from late deaths that happen within 30 days of the crash.

"There are a lot of things that come into play: education, enforcement, roadway safety, vehicle safety and, of course, our EMS services have improved over the years," Crain said.

Even with all of the new safety features in cars and on roadways, Crain said that it is up to drivers to keep themselves safe more than anything else.

"Those safety features are very dependent upon the individuals in the vehicle wearing a seatbelt,"

Crain said. "The evidence is substantial that shows that wearing seatbelts saves lives and reduces severe injuries. When you have safer vehicles and more people, hopefully, buckling up, those safety features are used fully by the occupants."

Missouri Department of Transportation Outreach Coordinator Sandy Hentges believes the number of fatalities should continue to trend downward.

"I would like to hope that the number of deaths would continue to decline because we haven't stopped our work," Hentges said, "And we're continuing to push forward to make further improvements in all of those areas."

"Logically, I think it would continue to decline. There's always the chance of there being an anomaly and us having a year where traffic deaths, for some reason that we can't explain, go up."

Hentges credits a blueprint for roadway safety that was set up

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Video contest sheds light on need for blood

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Assistant News Editor

You may know that one donation of blood saves two lives. You may also know that blood type O is the universal donor and people with O negative blood can donate to any blood type. What you may not know is that 4.5 million Americans will need a blood transfusion each year according to the America's Blood Centers' website. You also be unaware that only 37% of the U.S. population can donate but only 10%

actually do (americasblood.org).

West Nodaway high school students Clay Mitchell, Emily Cordell and Lora Cordell are taking this critical need for blood donations into their own hands by producing a video designed to encourage high school aged students to donate blood for the Kansas City Community Blood Center's "I'm a blood donor" video contest.

All video entries will appear on the CBC's Facebook page where fans and donors can "like" their favorite video. At the end of the contest on

May 1, the CBC will select the winning video based on the number of "likes" the videos have received; the video with the most "likes" wins. The students who produced the winning video will then participate in a professional photo shoot and the images will be used in all of the CBC's 2012/2013 marketing materials for high school blood drives.

Aside from winning the contest, Mitchell said he wanted to participate in the contest to raise

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ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Workers for Custom Crushing begin picking up the pieces at the Maryville Pub. Clean up is expected to be finished in the next several weeks.

Plans in place for local Pub cleanup

JACKI WOOD

Chief Reporter

After months of waiting and wondering, the crumbled bricks and debris littering Main Street in downtown Maryville finally started to move this week.

Since the south wall of The Pub collapsed last September virtually nothing had been done to take care of the rubble, at least vi-

sually, until now.

"I'm excited because things are starting to happen at The Pub," Jim Wiederholt, Maryville code enforcement officer said.

Since the collapse, the owner has been working with his insurance company and Maryville city officials for months to take care of the downtown debris located at

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OUR VIEW: MISSOURI BUDGET CUTS

Proposing a budget the wrong way

On Jan. 17, Governor Jay Nixon will use his State of the State address to reveal to the public that our economy has a \$500 million budget shortfall, down from the \$600 million shortfall last year.

The Democratic governor will then launch into a patriotic pep talk, not unlike a coach consoling a losing team at halftime, and talk about "tightening the belt" by making unpopular budget cuts. Higher education is one area that will almost certainly receive budget cuts, as it has for the past two years. Thankfully, Nixon recanted his previous plan to draw from public universities' reserve funds to pad low points in the budget. Still, as the average post-graduation debt of a Northwest student nears \$20,000, and other Missouri students grapple with debts of about \$24,000,

higher education cannot continue to be cut.

For Northwest students, massive budget cuts have not necessarily resulted in a corresponding tuition increase. Students at other Missouri higher education institutions have not been so fortunate; University of Missouri students saw an increase of 5.5 percent and Missouri Western students watched their tuition rise 9.5 percent for this school year.

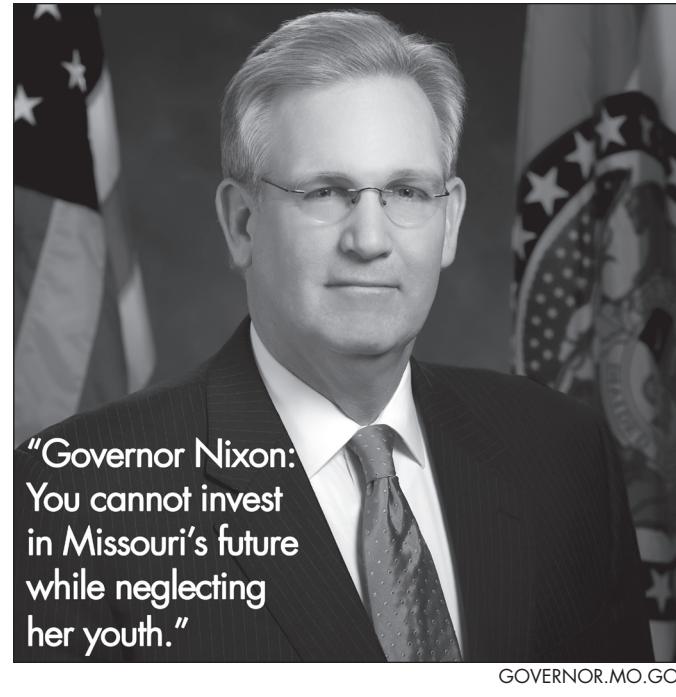
At the same time, Nixon wants to increase Missouri's student base by 30 percent over the next nine years, an ends without a means plan that would only dilute our colleges anyway.

Governor Nixon: You cannot invest in Missouri's future while neglecting her youth. We pay taxes, we work, we consume and we vote. But we can't earn

higher income – let alone find employment in the first place, or purchase goods, or stay off of social programs – if your administration is content to keep higher education financially out of reach for us.

So as students, now is the time to ask our fellow Missouri residents to help us out. If our state should come short half a billion dollars, cuts must be made somewhere. Please consider other options besides higher education to land on the chopping block. Please make those sacrifices for the future of our state.

Some may sympathize with Nixon. True, it is a challenging job to find departments in our state budget that should receive cuts. But deciding whether or not to cut higher education is an easy job: just don't do it.



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Missouri Governor Jay Nixon must resolve a \$500 million budget deficit.

The Democratic governor will announce a plan during a speech Jan. 17.

CAMPUS TALK

Should higher education receive budget cuts to help Missouri's budget?



"It's a terrible decision because a lot of students rely on that funding to be able to go to college. I'm here mostly on scholarships and grants because without it I wouldn't be able to be here. And today you almost have to have college background to be able to get a good job. It's those jobs which stimulate the economy, so they're just making it harder to help the economy come back up to where it should be."

Sydney Lawrence

Ag Business

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English Education

"There are a lot of students who need to study in college. I'm a student in Korea, and I'm an exchange student here now - it's my second semester - but tuition in Korea is much cheaper than here. And also housing costs, the cost for eating and housing, is much cheaper than here. I think it would be helpful to have the funding for the students who need to study."

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Thank goodness Iowa Caucus is over

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There are few political gatherings that garner as much attention and speculation as the Iowa Caucus. It is over now, and that is a good thing. For the past several months, Republican candidates have crossed America amassing funds and support. For all the hubbub that preceded and followed the Iowa Caucus, it was not all that surprising. Mitt Romney won, and Rick Santorum came in breathtakingly close second. This is the scene where the crowd hushes in unison, and the GOP tries to figure out what the heck happened. Ron Paul did well, considering the radical nature of his ideas. Best of all, Michele Bachmann no longer sees herself as possessing a viable bid for the nomination. Just thank God for small favors.

For those who proudly retain their liberal leanings, the GOP is a disaster, which is saying something when you compare it to the

policy, compromising with the Democrats and handling the still-stinking economy.

USA Today wrote Monday that the national debt now equals the U.S. economy, which means we owe as much as we have to offer. Despite Ron Paul apparently failing to grasp the wholly negative consequences of shutting down the Federal Reserve, there are an increasing number of right-wingers who think he has a good grip on the solutions America needs. That, of course, is relative to the other candidates' ideas, which are minimally invasive at best.

Objectively, there is not a single candidate among the Republicans who has the power or financial support to beat Barack Obama. The Iowa Caucus proved that the Right is desperately trying to come up with a new plan after the debacle that ended the campaigns of Herman Cain and Michelle Bachmann. It is cause to wonder how any of them manage to function on a level that is considered functional, but sometimes you have to love the GOP just for getting out of bed.

With Michele Bachmann and Herman Cain officially out of our hearts forever, Rick "End the Left's Destruction of the Church and Family" Santorum and Mitt "Don't Even Know What I'm Doing Here" Romney hold the key positions for every ridiculous Republican charade that begrudgingly befalls America in the next 10 months.

Shockingly, however, Ron Paul was chosen first on nearly every question asked of voters about who would do best with foreign

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institution.

Success on each measure will be defined by improvement or, in some cases, sustained performance in comparison to the previous year's performance. Fiscal year 2013 will serve as a base year for all institutions.

"One of the downsides for institutions like Northwest is that we've grown prior to this being implemented," Jasinski said. "So can we continue to improve when we are at capacity now?"

Over the last three years, the entire country has experienced major budget cuts related to the status of the economy, and higher education is no exception. The result has

been the reduction of financial aid and scholarships, accompanied by the rise of tuition costs. The Federal Reserve reported that in 2010 student loan debt surpassed credit card debt.

"(Debt) is a serious matter, especially for this time," Burge said. "I am really concerned about paying off my loans."

If implemented, this will be Missouri's second attempt at performance funding for public colleges and universities. "Funding for Results" was a program launched in 1994, but it fell victim when state budget cuts began in the early 2000s.

"Some folks believe that various sectors should just get a pot of money," Jasinski said. "I think performance funding makes sense. We should be held accountable."

next blood drive and by using social media, they are able to share their videos with their friends and their communities."

For this year's second annual video contest, Person and the CBC are hoping to receive more video entries than the single video submitted last year. Person said that even though they did receive many entries, she was impressed with last year's winner because the video was produced by six students who made up half of the graduating senior class at the rural Missouri high school.

With 95 current "likes" for their Twilight themed video, Mitchell, Cordell and Cordell could win this year's "I'm a blood donor" video contest. However, with the submission deadline two months away, there is still time for competing videos to be sent in.

For more information or to view Mitchell, Cordell and Cordell's video, please visit the Community Blood Center's Facebook page.

leader, a very hard worker and is always putting Northwest first."

Under Jasinski's leadership, Northwest's retention and graduation rates continue to rank among the highest in the state, along with a record number of enrollments for the last three years.



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

After a long wait the Maryville Pub is beginning to see new life as the crumbled remains begin to be cleared away. The next step is rebuilding, but plans have yet to be submitted.

PUB

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414 N. Main. A structural engineer was also brought in and determined the building could feasibly be restored.

All of that behind the scenes work has started to take shape, Wiederholt said, as Custom Crushing of Kansas City began working

on the building earlier this week.

Wiederholt said the demolition company started to install a shoring system, which is used to support a structure to prevent further collapse and so that construction can move forward.

They will then start removing the south part of the roof, shore the floor joist and finish the clean-up and demolition of the south wall, he said.

Wiederholt said they should be finished within the next several weeks.

Once the work has been completed by Custom Crushing, a set of engineer plans must be submitted for phase two of the project, or what Wiederholt called the "rebuilding phase." Those plans must then be approved by the Maryville Code Enforcement Office before the owner can proceed.

TRAFFIC

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in 2004 for the progress in traffic safety.

"I would credit (the decline in deaths) to a partnership effort of law enforcement agencies and officers, the engineers that work on our roads, educational efforts, emergency services personnel and

hospitals," Hentges said. "I think we've just made a lot of progress on fatalities and saved a lot of lives because of those efforts that began almost six years ago now."

Hentges said MoDOT is currently in the process of revising the blueprint for roadway safety, which should be done in late summer or early fall. It will include a new goal for yearly death rates in the future.

"Our long-term goal that Mis-

souri and most of the country has adopted is that we're all working toward zero deaths," Hentges said. "We know that that's probably not a completely realistic number, but that's what we're working toward."

Crain said he has a goal of his own for the years to come.

"Our goal is just pure and simple," he said. "Fewer traffic crashes, fewer injuries and of course, fewer fatalities."

The extension takes effect at the beginning of July and runs through June 2015.

"It's a humbling experience to help lead the institution and be part of a team that is deeply committed to our students," Jasinski said.

JASINSKI

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"President Jasinski brings quite a bit to the table," Board Chair Lydia Hurst said. "He is a great community member, a great University

"Part of our mission over the next couple of years is helping the public understand the extreme value of higher education," Jasinski said. "I am concerned that people don't look at the long-term value of an educated society, a society that understands cultures and dif-

ferences and respects those."

In 2011, Jasinski was elected to serve a two-year term as vice chair of the Council on Public Higher Education. He was also appointed to a three-year position on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award's Panel of Judges.

Police Blotter: Maryville Department of Public Safety & the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department

Jan. 1

Derrick R. Boozell, 24, Maryville, Mo., and Robert J. Pester, 27, Maryville, Mo., were charged with affray at 300 block North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 100 block South Fredrick Street.

A structural fire was reported at 1300 block Parkdale Road.

Dec. 30

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 600 block South Main.

An accident occurred involving Ignacio Salazar-Romo, 28, Maryville, Mo., at 1600 block South Main.

Dec. 29

An accident occurred between Teri L. Roberts, 35, Maryville, Mo., and Robert S. Campbell, 63, Bolckow, Mo., at 1200 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Lisa M. Frueh, 43, Maryville, Mo., and Donald L. Wilson, 48, Maryville, Mo., at East First Street and North Main Street.

Ryan N. Constant, 30, Maryville, Mo., was charged with assault at 300 block North Market.

Derrion J. Harris, 29, Ravenwood, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended at 1300 block South Main.

Dec. 28

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at 200 block East Third Street.

Dec. 27

An accident occurred between Doyle Watkins, 81, Maryville, Mo., and Shayna B. Fisher, 16, Hopkins, Mo., at West South Avenue and South Main.

Lorna R. Murphy, 26, Barnard, Mo., was charged with failure to register a motor vehicle, stop sign violation, and failure to maintain financial responsibility at 1000 block South Main.

Dec. 26

There is an ongoing investigation of disorderly conduct at 200 block East Second Street.

Dec. 25

An accident occurred between Brittne R. Brown, 19, St. Joseph, Mo., and a vehicle owned by Tanya L. Johnson, 18, Maryville, Mo., at 500 block East Fifth Street.

Dec. 23

Robert E. Wallace, Jr., 31, Maryville, Mo., and Renesha L. Thompson, 24, Maryville, Mo., were charged with failure to comply at 200 block East Third Street.

Dec. 22

Ronald M. Runion, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended and improper display of license plates at 23000 block North Main.

Dec. 21

Michael C. Halstead, 32, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended at 1200 block North Main Street.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and a vehicle owned by David C. Weichinger, Maryville, Mo., at 100 block North Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 1600 block North Main.

An accident occurred between Claudia M. Wiederholt, 16, Ravenwood, Mo., and Lloyd S. Hamilton, 40, Maryville, Mo., at South Main and East South Avenue.

Wiederholt was issued a citation for following too closely.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 100 block North Fredrick.

An accident occurred between Jessica R. Hoyt, 21, Maryville, Mo., and James R. Jabusch, 62, Maryville, Mo., at South Main and West South Avenue.

An accident occurred between Bradie L. Clements, 16, Maryville, Mo., and Charlie M. Burch, 33, Maryville, Mo., at 3000 block South Main Street.

Clements was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Tina M. Sanders, 42, Maryville, Mo., at 3000 block South Main.

Brett W. Ware, 42, Maryville, Mo., was charged with animal barking nuisance at 1300 block North Dewey.

Kevin L. Perkins, 21, Elmo, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and careless and imprudent driving at 300 block North Buchanan.

An accident occurred between Robert C. Sunkel, 78, Maryville, Mo., and

Michael L. Coffelt, 29, Maryville, Mo., at South Market and East Edwards.

An accident occurred involving Phanidhar Paruchuri, 21, Maryville, Mo., at 500 block West Fifth Street. Paruchuri was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident and no valid driver's license.

There is an ongoing investigation of tampering with a motor vehicle at 800 block West 16th Street.

Emily K. Barnes, 19, Maryville, Mo., and Stephanie M. Crouse, 20, Maryville, Mo., were charged with minor in possession at 600 block North Fillmore.

Schyler G. Reed, 27, Gladstone, Mo., was charged with improper registration at 600 block North Market.

Colby J. Pankau, 25, Maryville, Mo., was charged with assault at 300 block North Market.

Kyle J. Smith, 20, Brownville, Neb., was charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession and speeding at 26000 North Business Highway 71.

There is an ongoing investigation of a hit and run at 1500 block North Main.

Mithabhai J. Patel, 68, Maryville, Mo., was charged with city code violation at 1700 block East First Street.

An accident occurred between Zachary N. Tweedt, 18, Maryville, Mo., and Marlus K. Prior, 63, Lincoln, Neb., at 1100 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Victoria M. Bolton, 17, Fairfax, Mo., and Andrew R. Barnett, 23, Burlington Junction, Mo., at 1600 block South Main.

An accident occurred between David M. Diehm, 48, Marshall, Mo., David J. Cuenca, 30, Maryville, Mo., Mary L. Jones, 22, Maryville, Mo., and Mikki A. Owens, 18, Burlington Junction, Mo., at South Main and Carefree Drive.

Wilbur Leo Long III, 47, Elmo, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for possession of controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana.

Jason K. Auffert, 18, Parnell, Mo., was arrested for minor visibly intoxicated.

An accident occurred between Frank J. Tamburello, 18, Maryville, Mo., Janell E. Francis, 19, Blue Springs, Mo., and Taylor L. Wharton, 18, Barry, Ill., at South Main and Larry Drive.

Dec. 24

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that someone had damaged their property.

Dec. 23

Jason L. Bebout, 35, Ricketts, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Sierra R. Bebout (Sorenson), 23, Ricketts, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Michael A. Dulle, 22, Columbia, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Dec. 22

Jason L. Bebout, 35, Ricketts, Iowa, and Sierra R. Bebout (Sorenson), 23, Ricketts, Iowa, were arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for acquiring 3 6/10 grams of drug product.

Coty R. O'Connell, 25, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear.

Ashely D. Dougherty, 27, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Dec. 15

Travis L. Foreman, 26, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while license is revoked or suspended, driving while intoxicated, and failure to drive on the right half of roadway.

Dec. 14

Zachary R. Thompson, 21, Maitland, Mo., was arrested for burglary first degree and was later served a Nodaway County warrant for burglary first degree.

Justin W. Metcalf, 28, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Dec. 13

A Sheridan, Mo., subject reported that someone has been fraudulently using their credit/debit device.

Andrew J. Kridler, 19, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for forgery and was later served a Nodaway County warrant for forgery.

Jonathan J. Owens, 20, Mound City, Mo., was arrested for forgery and was later served a Nodaway County warrant for forgery.

Dec. 12

Dustin Hoepker, 24, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County

Legal

The Nodaway County Local Emergency Planning Committee hereby notifies the public that emergency response plan (s), material safety data sheets and inventory forms have been submitted pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know-Act. These materials along with any follow up emergency notices may be reviewed at 222 East Third Street Maryville, MO 64468 upon appointment. Contact 660.562.3209 to schedule an appointment.

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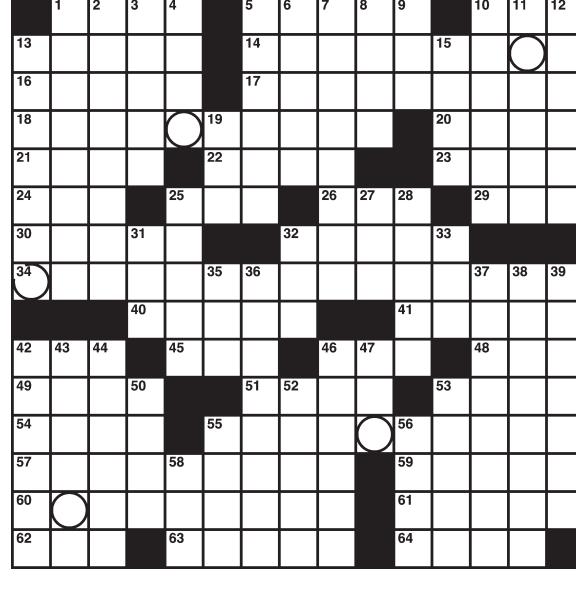
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18 Brand with a cuckoo
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23 Invitation sender
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42 Colorful subway
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55 Disapproval
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59 Like some pride
60 Nassau Coliseum
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62 "The X-Files" extras
63 Proposal rarely
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2 "Spamalot" co-
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3 Prehistoric
critters, briefly
4 Dreamcast
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5 Impeach
6 Go with the tide
7 Having a mug
like a pug
8 "A miss ___ good
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9 Belarus, once:
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10 Soapmaking
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11 Treat like dirt
12 Hybrid apparel
13 Crushed-stone
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15 Words after
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Oscar-winning film

By Ed Sessa



Answers for the
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44 Diver's quest
46 Least likely to bite
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52 Callers at round
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53 Ballet's Black Swan
55 Uproar
56 Unpopular worker
58 Blast cause

Word Search

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Horoscopes:

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Aries, you may have trouble connecting with family this week. You are very busy with personal issues and other obligations. It may seem frustrating, but keep your head up.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Taurus, you have a generous spirit, but sometimes you can be just a little bit too generous. Don't go overboard this week when buying gifts for those close to you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Gemini, you have always been very

practical when it comes to matters of finance. Sometimes, however, the lure of shopping can try your resolve.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Cancer, you are in a high point in your career, and you don't want to lose the momentum. But you could feel pulled in too many directions this week to impact the job.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
You have unusually low levels of energy this week, Leo. There isn't much you can do about it other than prioritize your

tasks so you can accomplish the most pressing things.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Virgo, any trips that you are planning this week could be delayed by some mechanical difficulties. You'll get there eventually, but it could take a while.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Libra, don't take anything at face value this week and try to avoid gossip as much as possible. This is achieved by surrounding yourself with gracious people.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You are bound to have a good time this week, Scorpio. It's because you will be spending time with your family. Enjoy as much time together as you can, including a good meal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This is the ideal week to stay inside as much as possible and read or get busy work taken care of. Although it may not be exciting, it doesn't require a lot of energy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Capricorn, this week you may have plans

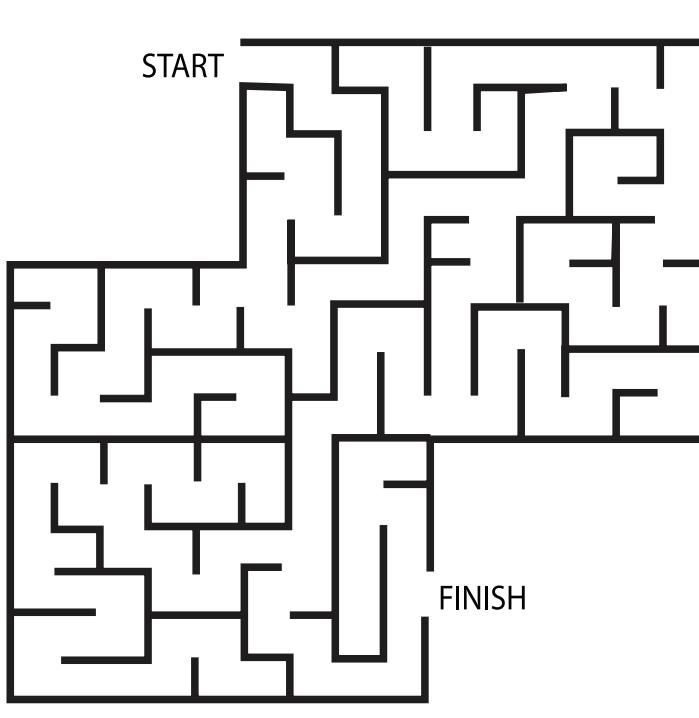
to spend some romantic evenings at home with your partner, but things don't always work out as expected. Schedule more time later.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Aquarius, it may seem like the walls are closing in on you, but that's just because you need a change of scenery. Trade in dull responsibilities for something else.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Pisces, this week you may find it difficult to concentrate. This is out of character for you, but everyone has an off-day.

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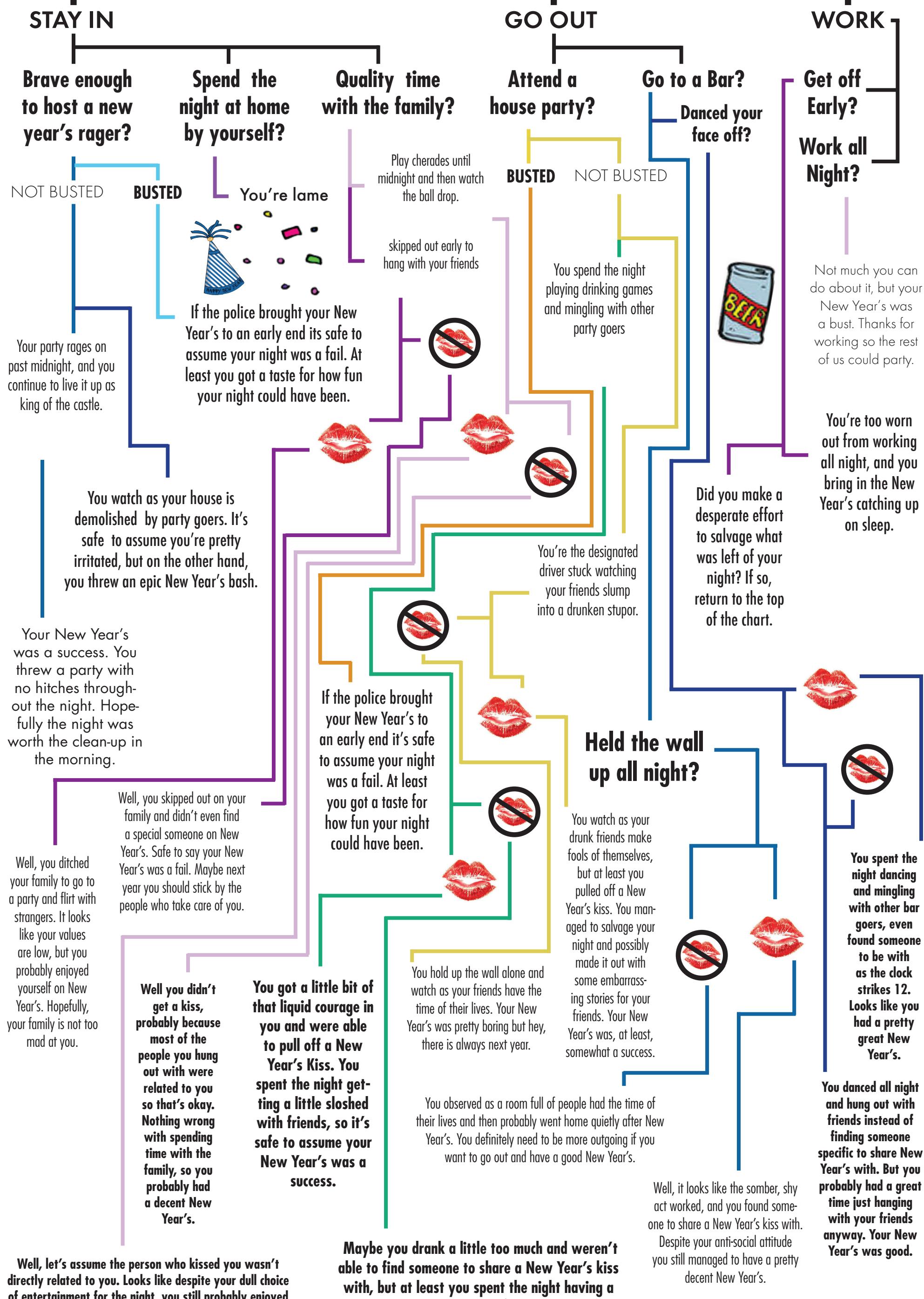
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Did You Start 2012 BANG?

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How awesome were your New Year's Eve celebrations? Were they a bust or did you partake in one of the most legendary parties of all time? Check out the Northwest Missourian's guide to rating your New Year's.



Year in review: the best of 2011

2011 provides ups, downs in pop culture

MISSOURIAN STAFF

2011 was another big year for pop culture. Careers were made and broken over those past 365 days. Here are the Northwest Missourian's picks for the best of 2011's pop culture.

Album: "21" – Adele

With thumping drum beats and powerful, soulful vocals, Adele debuted her sophomore album, "21." After a serious break up, Adele channeled all her anger and pain into her music. The result topped album charts all over the world. The British vocalist took influences from Motown, American country and southern blues and wrapped them around her poetic writing style to create a brilliant album inspired by pain and hardship.

Single: "Lonely Boy" – The Black Keys

Rock n' roll is not dead thanks to The Black Keys. "Lonely Boy" is blues and grunge-driven garage rock at its finest. Rock fans that worried the genre wouldn't survive the electronic age of music can now rest easy. The Black Keys are the saving grace of rock n' roll, and "Lonely Boy" is their testament to that.

Movie: "The Help"

"The Help" tells the story of Skeeter, (Emma Stone) an aspiring writer hoping to get her break by telling the story of African-American housemaids in 1960s Mississippi. Assisted by a stunning troupe of supporting actresses, Skeeter's story pushes a civil rights agenda for African-Americans and feminists. "The Help" is nominated for five Golden Globe awards, not bad for Tate Taylor's third venture as a director.

Video Game: Batman: Arkham City

In the sequel to 2009's highly successful Batman: Arkham Asylum, the caped crusader returns to fight crime on the streets of Arkham City. This game features some of the best characters from Batman's rogue gallery, such as Hugo Strange, The Penguin, Mr. Freeze and, of

course, The Joker. Players are forced to use strength as well as stealth to take down enemies and make their way across the hazardous streets of Arkham City. Batman: Arkham City could keep players going long after the main story is beaten due to the hundred plus extra challenge missions and a game mode only unlocked after the story is completed.

Celebrity Breakdown: Charlie Sheen

With one interview on the "ABC News," Charlie Sheen inspired countless numbers of YouTube videos and Twitter hashtags. Sheen showed the world just how crazy he truly was, and it didn't faze him one bit. His career with "Two and a Half Men" was down the toilet, but claiming he possessed tiger blood and a "winning" lifestyle cemented him as one of the most notable people of American pop culture, which is probably not a good thing.

Memorable moment: The death of Osama bin Laden

It took ten years and two presidents but, we finally got him. He organized the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that caused the deaths of almost 3,000 people. U.S. Navy SEAL Team 6 was dispatched on May 2, 2011 to Abbottabad, Pakistan where bin Laden was shot and killed. He was buried at sea within 24 hours of

his death. The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were the worst in U.S. history, and a decade later the country can finally move on.

Biggest Northwest News: Scott Bostwick's Death

Northwest and the Maryville community were stunned by the sudden passing of newly appointed head football coach Scott Bostwick, who replaced the legendary Mel Tjeerdsma. Bostwick passed away in June after suffering a heart attack while mowing his lawn. He had been on the job less than six months and had yet to even coach a game before passing away. His death saw the community and university rally together in a stirring show of unity to support his family and the Northwest football team, which dedicated the season to Bostwick's memory.

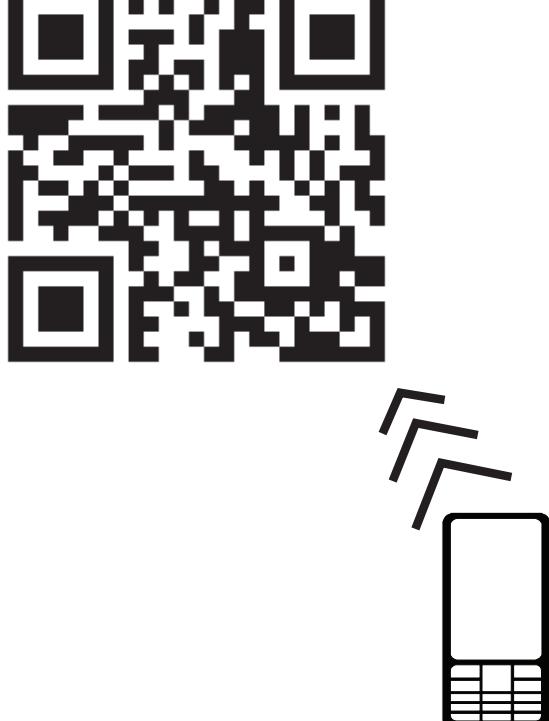
Sports moment: Abby Wambach's header in the World Cup

The U.S. women's soccer team took the world by storm in last year's women's World Cup. Forward Abby Wambach stole the show with her electrifying header against Brazil to help the underdog U.S. team defeat the Brazilians in stunning fashion. Advancing to a spot that the men's team could not capture put the women's soccer team and Wambach's header at the top of U.S. soccer.



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Charlie Sheen talks with ABC News' Andrea Cunningham about his psychological problems March 1, 2011. Sheen claims he is not bi-polar but "bi-winning."

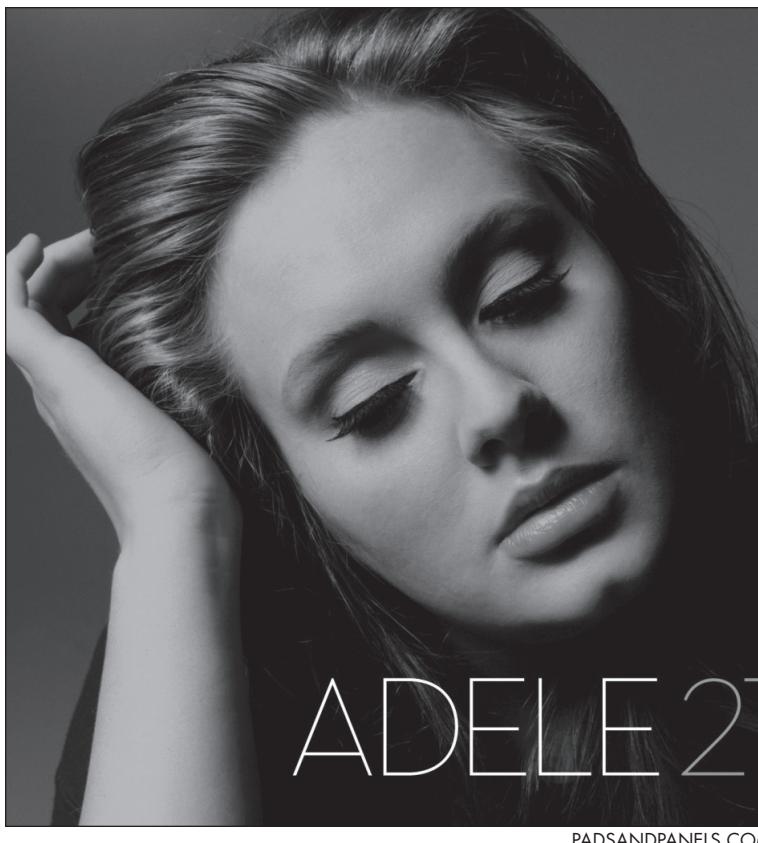


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AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard Jonathan Baker drives past a Savannah opponent on his way to the rim last Friday. Baker scored a team-high 14 points against the Savages. Baker also scored eight points in Tuesday's 52-42 loss to Chillicothe.

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Maryville with 18 points, including four baskets beyond the arc.

Walter finished with nine points for the Spoofhounds.

Junior guard Jonathan Baker added eight points in the effort.

"We lost on the road to a team that's playing pretty well right now," Kuwitzky said. "It's a tough place to play. They're improving, and we played them at a time where they are playing pretty good."

"They were playing pretty good, and we weren't playing as good as we should have. We had some turnovers that hurt us last night, and we didn't shoot it particularly well late."

Maryville has dropped their last three contests after winning four in a row, most recently a 38-29 loss to Savannah at home Monday night.

"Savannah is good on defense," Kuwitzky said. "They are big and physical and that made it hard to run our offense. That's our weakness right now; we aren't very physical."

"I think we know we can play better than we did. I don't think we played particularly well tonight, and there are a lot of areas we have to address. We can play better, and we have to; that's all there is to it."

The Spoofhounds look to get back on track at 6:30 p.m. tonight against Auburn (Neb.) at Maryville High School.

COOPER

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felt right, from my visit to talks to the trip. Everything was just right, and you couldn't turn something down like that."

His freshman year, Cooper was named MIAA Freshman of the Year, helping Northwest to a 12-15 record, just one win shy of making the MIAA Tournament.

The way the season ended, with four straight losses, offered great promise for the next season because they got so close to the postseason.

However, the Bearcats struggled, winning only four of their first 16 games en route to a 10-16 record, but again, there was some late-season hope to turn it around.

Cooper improved, upping his scoring average from 10.7 points per contest to 16.3 and earning second-team All-MIAA honors.

"It wasn't that hard at all because Coach Mac made it feel so comfortable," Cooper said of the team's struggles. "When I first came in and I didn't understand stuff, he always brought me up to his office, showed me the reads and everything so I could learn it, so it wasn't that tough at all."

"When I came in, (McCollum) told me that we needed to turn this

around, we needed to turn this back into a winning environment, and that's what we're doing right now."

Now the team has turned it around, posting a 12-1 record as of press time, the team's best start since 2003-04, and Cooper has been one of the key cogs in righting the ship.

"(He's) been very key because him and Jake Reinders and Kyle Haake and Jake Petersen are kind of the four that are still here that I had recruited, and they've been a huge part," McCollum said. "And that's the thing with DeShaun. He came into a program that wasn't winning. To be able to go from a losing team the last two years to now, we're able to have some success; that's, to me, even more difficult than continuing a winning tradition and winning culture."

Cooper leads the team in points, minutes, assists and steals so far this season, and he thinks this team has what it takes to end the postseason drought and make it back to the MIAA Tournament.

"I feel that if we just put our mind to (winning a conference championship), we can do anything that we want," Cooper said earlier this season. "We know that we have control of whether we lose or win. And when we know something like that, we control it, and we should always come out on top."

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from different places after finding out that junior All-American Tyler Shaw will redshirt this season.

On the women's side, the 'Cats return All-District senior distance runners Angela Adams and Katti Carroll.

"I expect our distance runners on both sides to be very good for us," Lorek said. "As a group going from cross country going into track, I just expect big things out of them."

Northwest will be without All-District field athlete Kate Walter for the indoor season because with one season of eligibility left, she opted

to compete during the outdoor season.

Lorek will have to depend on new faces and new contributors to have another successful season on the women's side.

The Bearcats will continue to make strides Jan. 13-14 at the Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

"Our expectations are really low. It's more mental and competing well and seeing people be assertive," Lorek said. "We are going to find out a lot of mental stuff about people and things we need to work on and what we do well. So there are not really any high expectations as far as qualifying and standings. That is going to take a while."

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chance to win. If we have no bodies, we have no chance to win. Even this year we are filling spots with a lot of freshmen and a couple of first year kids."

Alexander, Coleman and Stiens won their second matches of the day in the first round.

Freshman heavyweight Brendan Weybrew finished off the contest with a pinfall in the second round of his match.

Maryville would win the contest 48-12.

With the distinct numbers advantage, Drake believes it was hard

for the wrestlers to get into a flow.

"We probably didn't wrestle as intense as we did Saturday down in Mid Buchanan and when you have that many forfeits and things going on, it's hard to get everyone ready to go," Drake said. "We had a couple of kids that were maybe a little sluggish, but other than that, yeah we were pretty pleased with how things went tonight."

The Spoofhounds are looking to keep improving and winning at 5:30 p.m. tonight against Falls City (Neb.) and Sabetha (Kan.) in Falls City, Neb.

"We would hope, especially with the younger guys, that we will see a lot of growth. We are going to have to have a lot," Drake said.

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Washburn	10-4	5-2
Mo. Southern	13-3	6-3
Pitt. State	9-5	5-3
Central Mo.	8-4	4-3
Fort Hays	10-4	4-4
Emporia St.	7-6	3-4
Southwest Baptist	9-7	3-5
Truman	4-10	2-5
Lincoln (Mo.)	2-10	2-5
Mo. Western	6-7	1-6

January 14:

Truman at Lincoln (Mo.)
S.W. Baptist at NORTHWEST
Fort Hays at Pitt. State
Emporia St. at Washburn
Mo. Western at Central Mo.
Mo. Southern at Northeastern St.

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State	14-0	8-0
Emporia St.	10-2	6-1
Washburn	13-3	6-1
Fort Hays	14-2	6-2
Lincoln (Mo.)	10-3	4-3
Central Mo.	9-4	3-4
Truman	8-4	3-4
Mo. Western	4-8	2-5
NORTHWEST	3-11	1-6
Southwest Baptist	5-8	1-7
Mo. Southern	5-10	1-8

January 14:

Truman at Lincoln (Mo.)
S.W. Baptist at NORTHWEST
Fort Hays at Pitt. State
Emporia St. at Washburn
Mo. Western at Central Mo.

January 17:

Mo. Western at S.W. Baptist

MHS BOY'S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Lafayette	6-5	2-0
Cameron	7-3	1-0
Savannah	7-3	2-1
LeBlond	5-5	1-1
MARYVILLE	5-5	1-1
Benton	1-11	1-3
Chillicothe	7-7	0-1
Smithville	2-6	0-1

January 12:

Auburn (Neb.) at MARYVILLE

January 13:

Falls City (Neb.) at MARYVILLE

Excelsior Springs at LeBlond

January 16:

Lawson at LeBlond

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Smithville	10-2	1-0
Lafayette	7-8	3-1
Benton	5-5	2-1
Savannah	8-3	2-2
MARYVILLE	7-5	1-2
Cameron	8-1	0-1
Chillicothe	6-6	0-0
LeBlond	2-6	0-2

January 12:

Smithville at Harrisonville

January 13:

Falls City (Neb.) at MARYVILLE

January 16:

Lathrop at Cameron

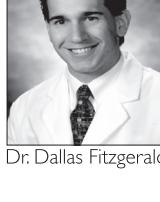
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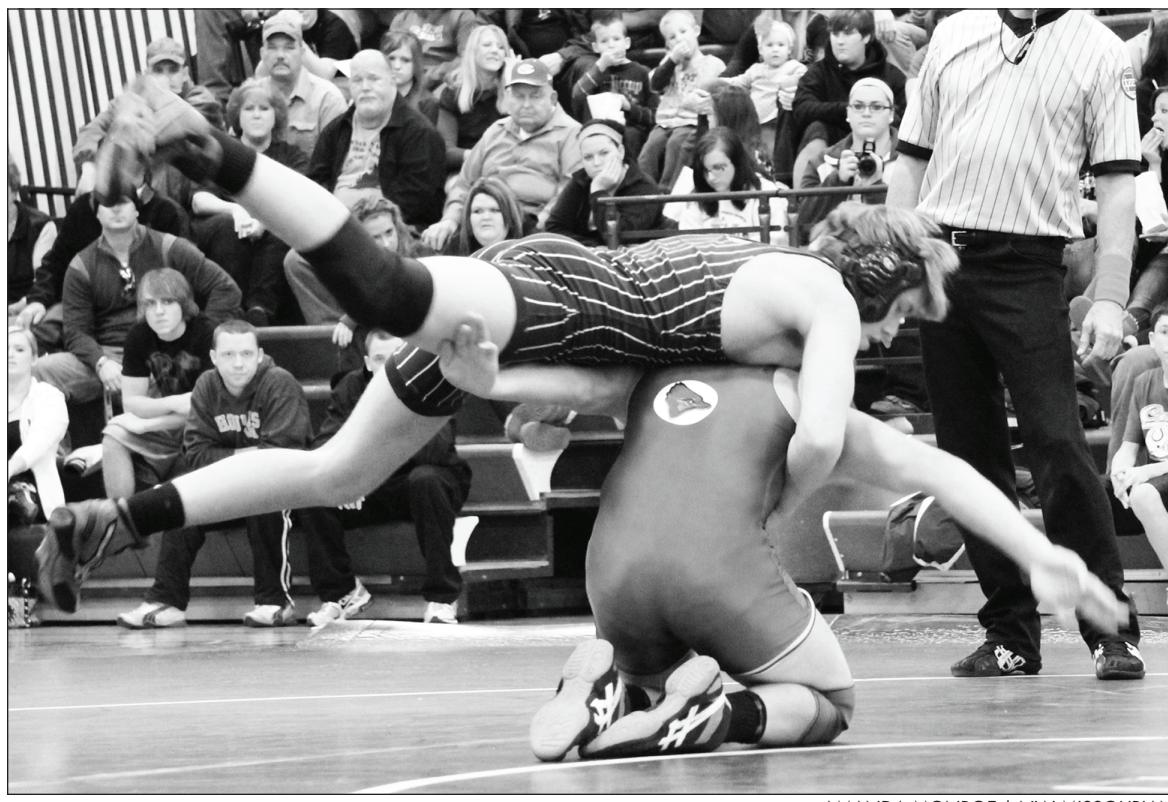
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Sophomore Logan Coleman, 132 pounds, goes airborne as he switches positions in his first match against Rock Port.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard Tyler Walter looks for an opening in the Savannah defense last Friday. The Spoofhounds only managed 29 points in the loss.

Boys have work to do after pair of MEC losses

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Assistant Sports Editor

Scarborough finished the first quarter with 13 of Maryville's 17 first-quarter points.

The second quarter would be a struggle for the Spoofhounds, as they mustered just four points. That left the door open for Chillicothe as they took the lead at half-time, 30-21.

The 'Hounds got their offense back on track in the third quarter to close the lead to six with senior guard Tyler Walter's six third quarter-points.

It would not be enough, as Chillicothe was able to take control in the fourth for a 52-42 victory.

Scarborough led the way for

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Bodies advantage lead to wins

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Assistant Sports Editor

The Spoofhound wrestling team improved their dual record to 10-1 after defeating Rock Port and Albany Tuesday night.

The 'Hounds had a distinct advantage in numbers against Rock Port, as the Blue Jays were able to fill seven spots compared to Maryville's 11.

Freshman Nathaniel Alexander, 120 pounds, made quick work of his opponent, earning a pinfall in the

first minute of action.

Sophomore Charlie Coleman, 132 pounds, recorded two takedowns, a reversal and a near fall to propel him to a majority decision.

Junior Derek Stiens, 145 pounds, earned a pinfall in the second round after spending much of first round on the defense.

The Spoofhounds would use the numbers to their advantage as Rock Port was forced to seven forfeits, giving Maryville the 52-24 win.

In their second round of action, the 'Hounds were able to use their

numbers to pin down Albany.

The Spoofhounds had nine wrestlers to take to the mat against Albany, and seven came out with victories, all by pinfall.

"We aren't great anywhere, but I think we are pretty good all the way through," head coach Joe Drake said. "We are pretty solid; that's a good way to put it. We are solid."

"It's just the fact that we have the kids out to fill the weight class. If we have some bodies, we have a

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Offensive struggles, inexperienced players hound girls' basketball

DALTON VITT

Chief Reporter

Nearing the midpoint of the season, the Spoofhound girls basketball team is still searching for its identity and has room to improve.

"The whole goal all year has been to keep improving, and I think we've done that," head coach Grant Hageman said. "We just couldn't do that in the second half against Savannah, obviously, and then it just snowballed out of control."

Maryville will take on Falls City tomorrow after being handed a 58-28 loss by Savannah on Monday.

The Hounds' record now stands at 7-5. Hageman's biggest concern with his

team right now is its offensive production.

"Our defense has been improving, so I've been pleased with that," Hageman said. "The offensive end has been the most inconsistent part. When we execute on the offensive end, we can be a really good team. When we struggle to execute on the offensive end, it can put too much pressure on the defense."

Hageman attributes part of the problems on offense to his team's inexperience.

"We have a lot of girls that don't have a lot of varsity experience," Hageman said. "They're still learning the speed of the game, and they're getting used to how much pressure there is at the varsity level."

"We only have two girls with significant varsity minutes playing. Some of these

girls have only played 12 varsity games, and they're just kind of learning on the fly."

Due to his team's youth, Hageman is not sure when his team will fully come together, but hopes that it happens sooner rather than later.

"Like we've told some of the girls, we know that some of them are going to play a huge part in hopefully having some great success at the end of the year," Hageman said. "We just don't know when that light bulb will come on, when the experience will all add up. And as coaches, we don't care if it happens at the end of the year as long as it happens."

Hageman said that when it is all said and done and his team finds its identity, he would like for them to play pressure defense.

"We would like to come out and pressure people hard on defense, and if that's sometimes full court and sometimes half court, that's fine," Hageman said. "But offensively we have to be able to find good shots and work together, so that's been the emphasis so far in practice this week."

The Spoofhounds' game against Falls City (Neb.) is tomorrow night in Maryville.

Hageman has high hopes for the game, and knows exactly what he wants to see from his team.

"If we can, I really just want to smother them on defense," Hageman said. "We need to run the offense the way we need to. We don't always make passes when we need to, or we're a second late and we don't recognize things. That's what I want to see on Friday."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



BEARCATS

Kyle Haake



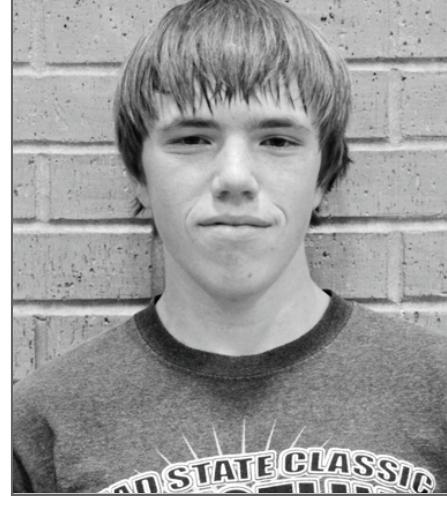
Senior guard Kyle Haake scored a team-high 14 points in the 65-47 win against Truman following up 20 points in a win 64-53 victory over rival Mo. West.

Abby Henry



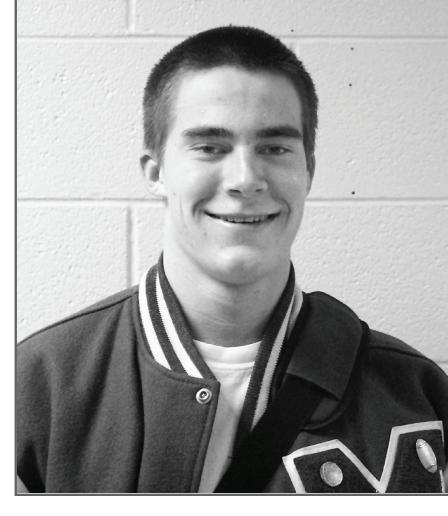
Senior guard Abby Henry hit a circus shot with four seconds left to give Northwest a 58-57 win over Truman on Saturday and end a nine-game losing streak.

Logan Coleman



Sophomore Logan Coleman went 2-0 in Maryville's dual Tuesday night. He recorded a pin and a major decision while recording three takedowns, a near fall and a reversal.

Jonathan Baker



Junior guard Jonathan Baker scored a team-high 14 points against Savannah last Friday and scored eight points in the Spoofhounds' 52-42 loss to Chillicothe Tuesday.

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Freshman forward Annie Mathews goes up for a shot against Truman State on Saturday at Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats beat the Bulldogs on a last-second shot by a score of 58-57 to claim their first conference victory of the year.

Women get off schneid, win

DALTON VITT

Chief Reporter

It took a circus shot by senior Abby Henry in the waning seconds of the women's basketball game against Truman on Saturday to end their nine-game losing streak.

The Bearcats trailed Truman the entire game except for four seconds, which happened to be the last four seconds of the game.

"Leading for four seconds was better than leading for 39 minutes and 56 seconds," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "I mean, I can't tell you what a drought we were in."

After shooting 19.4 percent in the first half, Steinmeyer credits his team's defensive effort for keeping them in the game by forcing the Bulldogs into 13 turnovers before the break.

"We threw a defensive curve at them," Steinmeyer said. "I gave (my players) the green light to trap in certain places on the floor, and the traps were pretty effective."

Steinmeyer said he plans to continue using the same aggressive defensive style in games in

the future.

"We'll throw some man at people, we'll trap full court sometimes, but this may be the happy medium we've been looking for," Steinmeyer said.

Northwest ended up forcing the Bulldogs into 24 turnovers for the game.

Now that the team has started to figure out its defense, Henry said they just need to get in a groove on offense.

"We just need to take care of the ball and keep doing the things that we know we're good at," Henry said. "We need to drive to the hole and try to get to the free throw line."

Henry believes that a win such as this one was "much-needed."

"It's been a really up and down year, and I wouldn't say that our confidence ever swayed," Henry said, "But, when you lose so many in a row it kind of takes a toll on you, so something like that was really needed."

The Bearcats traveled to Warrensburg last night to take on Central Missouri, but the results were unavailable as of press time.

"Leading for four seconds was better than leading for 39 minutes and 56 seconds."

Gene Steinmeyer

"We just want to be close enough to win at the end," Steinmeyer said. "We'll be a big underdog Wednesday, especially on the road, so we're going to have to find a way to claw and scrape and have a chance to win at the end."

Northwest's next game is at 1:30 Saturday against Southwest Baptist.

Southwest Baptist will come into Maryville sitting at 5-8 and riding a three-game losing streak.

Henry believes that ending the losing streak will propel the team forward.

"We just needed that one win to just take all the weight off our shoulders," Henry said. "Now we finally got it and hopefully we can roll from here."



KIRA NORTHRUP | NW MISSOURIAN
Freshman Logann Halloran clears the high jump bar at practice. The Bearcats head to Lincoln, Neb. for the Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational this weekend.

Track in thick of season, hopes success continues

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Assistant Sports Editor

After a successful cross country season, the Bearcats prepare for a new test as the indoor track season kicks off.

Led by seniors TR Pursell and Ryan Darling, the Bearcat men's cross country finished fifth in the region, and head coach Scott Lorek expects to see the confidence gained from the season turnover to indoor success.

"I think it carries over in terms of attitudes and expectations," Lorek said. "Ryan Darling is a guy that had such a great cross country season and really hasn't had that good of a cross country season in his life. I can see it in him all the time in what he is doing. He is a guy that I think can be a national qualifier in the 1,500 meter because of his confidence he gained in cross

country."

Pursell and Darling made up half of the All-Region Distance Medley Relay team that placed third at the MIAA Indoor Championships last season along with sophomore Zach Dixon and senior Derek Roberts.

Also returning to the squad is junior Porter Groves, who earned All-Region honors in the triple jump.

After their first meet at the Iowa State Invitational, Lorek is looking forward to a positive season from senior multi-event athlete Zane Myers and many of the young sprinters.

Junior Seth Staashelm hit the NCAA provisional mark in the heptathlon in the second meet of the season at the Doane Multi Events Meet.

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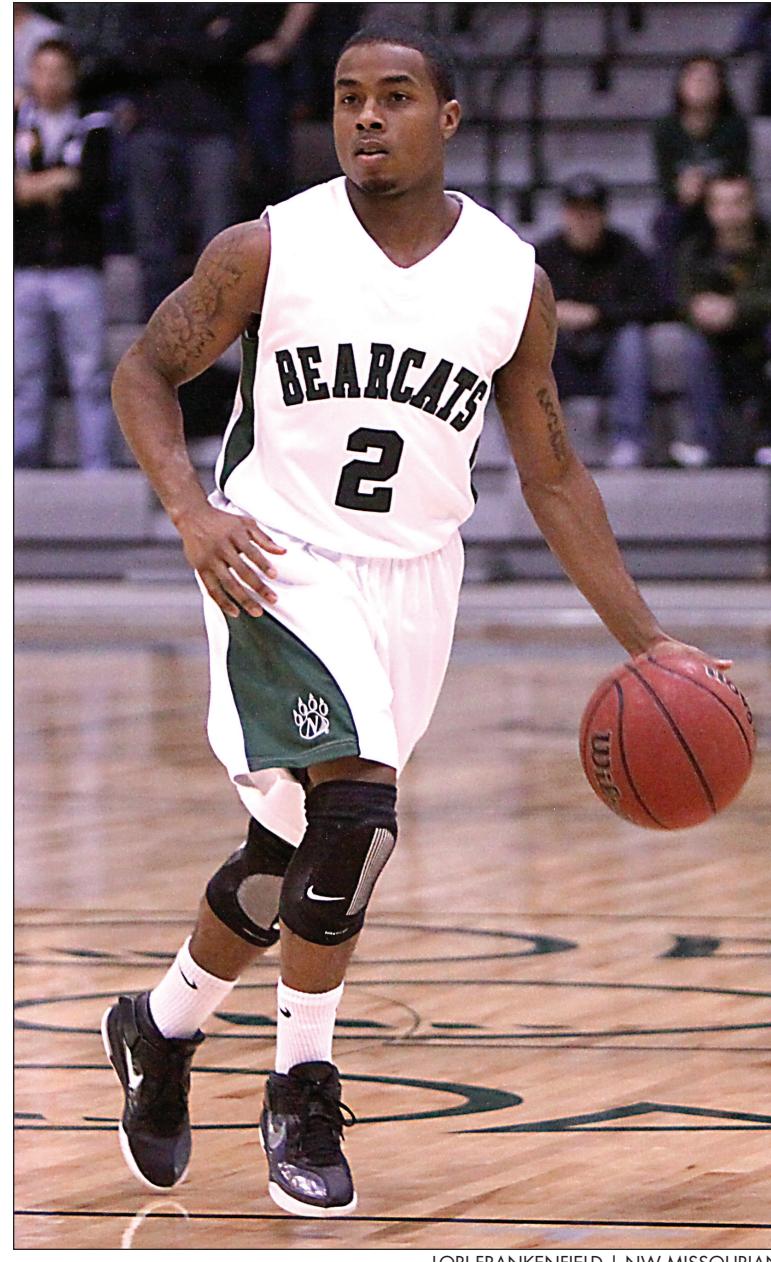
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KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper floats to the bucket for a layup. Cooper scored 12 points in the 65-47 win over Truman and averages a team-high 14.6 per game.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper looks for an opening in the defense against Truman State. Cooper is averaging a team-leading 3.7 assists per game.

OVERCOMING TALL ODDS

Junior point guard puts Northwest back on track toward winning tradition

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

There's not a lot of demand for 5 foot 7 inch points guard coming out of high school; that's exactly the problem that Northwest junior guard DeShaun Cooper faced three years ago.

Cooper averaged 21 points a game his senior year and was named Missouri Class 4A first-team All-State for Jennings High School in St. Louis.

"Every game, I just play like it's my last," Cooper said. "I can do everything a six-one or six-two guard can do, it's just that I'm five-seven. I don't really look at it as height. If I'm playing against a person that's six-three, that's an advantage for me because I'm so small and quick, and they're so tall and slow."

He graduated around the same time head coach Ben McCollum was putting together his first recruiting class as the Bearcats' coach.

One of his assistants brought him tape of a small guard who might be interested in walking on.

"He's a real conscientious kid and always called back, so we thought, 'Hey, we might be able to get him to walk on,'" McCollum said. "I watched the tape and kind of liked him. Then set the tape down. Two weeks later, I was like 'Where's the tape of that little guy from St. Louis?'

Then Cooper came up for a visit and "destroyed every different defender I could put on him," McCollum said.

That's all it took for McCollum to offer Cooper a scholarship, which Cooper accepted the next day.

"When I came here, it felt like home," Cooper said. "Everything SEE COOPER | A9

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DeShaun Cooper

Bearcats make most of time off, show improvements

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

Winter break was something of a mixed bag for the Bearcat men's basketball team.

On the first day of break Fort Hays State ended Northwest's nine-game winning streak, handing them an 85-64 loss.

"The loss obviously hurts, but more importantly, we just didn't compete, didn't play hard," head coach Ben McCollum said. "We got bullied a little bit, and that was the disappointing part."

Senior guard Kyle Haake remained consistent and scored a team-high 17 points in the loss. Senior forward Jake Reinders chipped in 15 points.

However, the 'Cats responded by winning the next three games, staying a top the MIAA standings and checked in at No. 24 in the latest National Association of Basketball Coaches Poll.

"It feels great to be at that No. 1 spot," sophomore center Dillon Starzl said. "But, there's always room for improvement. We've got to keep going one game at a time. The MIAA is a tough conference. Anything can happen."

After 13 days off, Northwest

bounced back from the loss to the Lions by beating Lincoln (Mo.) 80-62.

Reinders had another big game, scoring a career-high 20 points.

"I think he's been good throughout. That one he just had opportunities to score," McCollum said. "He just does whatever needs to be done defensively, offensively, scoring wise, all those things, and that just happened to be a game where he happened to score."

Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper added 11 points, five assists and six rebounds.

The Bearcats used the time off to work on some of their offensive deficiencies.

"We really focused on trying to find easy opportunities to score," McCollum said. "Then also be able to run offense as opposed to just coming down and trying to score on the first pass. That'll help our defense considerably."

In their first game of the New Year, Haake hit a corner three to give the 'Cats a 26-22 lead at halftime against rival Missouri Western.

"He's been great. He spaces the defense out," McCollum said. "He makes you pay if you don't guard him, and now he's able to drive and hit that little pull-up on top of it."

Haake finished the game with 20



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore forward Dillon Starzl drives past a Truman defender on his way to the basket on Saturday at Bearcat Arena. Starzl scored 11 points in the 65-47 win.

points, and Cooper led the way with 21 points and five assists.

Northwest did not look back as they pulled away for a 64-53 victory.

To end break, the Bearcats led wire-to-wire against Truman State and took a 65-47 victory into the middle of the conference schedule.

Haake scored a team-high 14 points with a team-leading seven rebounds. Cooper scored 12 points and

dished out six assists, while Starzl knocked in a season-high tying 11 points.

The 'Cats were on the road last night against Central Missouri. Results were unavailable as of press time.

After Saturday's contest with Southwest Baptist, Northwest is on the road for its next three contests. Tip-off is set for 3:30 p.m.

Top sports moments of 2011

JASON LAWRENCE
Sports Editor

It's that time of year once again, to recount everything that happened last year and promise to make changes, that most of us won't follow through with, this year.

As is the case with sports, so let's look back on some of the defining moments in Northwest sports from the past year.

The clear-cut No. 1 would have been the legendary Mel Tjeerdsma retiring; however, that happened three days too early to make the list. Anyway, here goes my best shot at summarizing an entire year into just five blurbs.

No. 5: Men's basketball turnaround

While this isn't complete, it does merit a spot on the list because of the way the last three seasons have played out. The men started out 9-0, their best start since 2003-04, and still sit atop the MIAA rankings with just one blemish on their record.

The men have missed the MIAA Tournament the last three years and are all but in if they continue playing the way they are at this point in the season.

No. 4: Wrestling club wins first national title

While not a sanctioned team, the wrestling club winning the National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championship has to be on this list, if for nothing more than the sheer fact that they won a national title.

Beating out schools such as Kansas State, Iowa State and Ohio State for a national title is no small feat, and most of that team returns for a shot at a repeat.

The program also registered a pair of All-Americans, and are gunning for a repeat this year.

No. 3: Women's basketball makes their first Final Four

The women's basketball team had a major resurgence last year, similar to the one the men are experiencing now, but theirs ended in St. Joseph in the Final Four, the school's first time making it to that stage of the postseason.

They racked up a 29-5 record, also the best in program history, and saw Gabby Curtis named the program's first All-American.

The awards and honors piled up for this team, making it a lock for one of the best sports moments for Northwest from 2011.

No. 2: The Bearcats make it to the quarterfinals despite all of the adversity they faced this season

The fact that this team made it as far as they did is an accomplishment in itself because it's extremely difficult to make the playoffs for eight straight years, especially with the playoff set up.

Whether it was Tjeerdsma retiring or his replacement Scott Bostwick dying last summer, injuries to key players or deficits that looked too great to overcome, this team did it.

In the first two rounds of the playoffs, Northwest came back from double-digit deficits to win, despite only getting limited minutes from a pair of their captains.

Sure, the magic ran out against Pitt State, but what they accomplished is not to be overlooked.

And No. 1: Scott Bostwick passes away

This moment is not meant to be celebratory, but it certainly defines the Northwest football season and shows that when people come together they can overcome a lot.

Coach Bostwick's death brought the University and community closer and helped everyone rally around the team and believe that the impossible was probable. Sure, the dream fell short, but this team and the circumstances made sure that Bostwick's first season was memorable.

There you have it. Those are the moments I believe highlighted the last year in sports at Northwest. Now, here's to hoping that 2012 brings some amazing feats as well.